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Hurricane season remaining active

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After a relatively quiet start to the Atlantic tropical storm season, there has been a marked increase in activity with two major hurricanes and two tropical storms in the last fortnight.

Hurricane Earl off the east coast of America © Met Office/EUMETSAT

Hurricane Earl is expected to weaken further as it moves north and tracks close to the US and Canadian coast and is predicted to make landfall close to Nova Scotia. As a result, Earl is likely to bring heavy rain, high winds and rough seas from North Carolina to Nova Scotia.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storms Fiona and Gaston also developed recently, with the prospects of further developments over the tropical Atlantic during the next week.

September is often the busiest month of the year for Atlantic hurricanes. Earlier this year the Met Office predicted that this season would be one of the most active tropical storm seasons on record, with 20 named tropical storms most likely.

Met Office forecasters will continue to work with the National Hurricane Center in the USA and provide predictions of the storms to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The National Hurricane Center has the very latest details on the Atlantic storms.

Our North Atlantic tropical storm seasonal forecast for 2010

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